

FREDONIA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

August 19th, 2010

The regular village board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Short. Present: Joe Short, Jill Bertram, Fritz Buchholtz, Don Dohrwardt, and Chuck Lopicola. Also present: Tom and Jodi Gamerdinger, Deb Wolf, Kendall and Carla Thistle, Mark Jaeger, Allen Neumann, and Sandi Tretow. Arriving later: Mark Edbauer, Sr.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the August 5th, 2010 village board meeting were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

With the additional list presented, the General Fund, Water, and Sewer bills were approved for payment on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried. Edbauer arrived at 7:03 p.m.

July Treasurer and Utility Reports

The July treasurer and utility reports were approved as presented on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Special Gathering Beer License – Celebrate Fredonia

The Special Gathering Beer License application for Celebrate Fredonia was approved on a **MOTION** by Lopicola, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Class B Beer and Liquor License Application

The revised application showing the pathway to the horseshoe pits along with the inspection reports from the Fire Inspector and Commercial Building Inspector were submitted for Tom and Jodi's Fredonia Inn, LLC. It was discussed that everything appeared to be in order. The Class B Beer and Liquor Application for Tom and Jodi's Fredonia Inn was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried with Buchholtz abstaining. The Gamerdinger's and Deb Wolf left at 7:08 p.m.

Approve Use of Fireman's Park – Lion's Club October 24 and February 27

The application for use of Fireman's Park on October 24th, 2010 and February 27, 2011 by the Lion's Club was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Open Session for Citizen Comments and Questions

There were no comments or questions received.

Unfinished Business – Possible Transfer of files from Davis & Kuelthau to Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet

There was discussion about the possible transfer of files from Davis & Kuelthau to Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet. Short stated that the separation was amicable. Dohrwardt mentioned that he had seen our attorney in passing, and spoke casually about the situation and said there seemed to be no objection with our attorney. The transfer of files and establishing of account was approved on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Bertram, and carried.

Department Reports on Operations of Village

- Fire Chief was unable to attend. The July 2010 financial statement for the Fire Department/Ambulance was reviewed.
- Village Marshal was not able to attend. The board reviewed the report along with the marshal's written response to the letter from Concerned Fredonia Citizens. Dohrwardt stated that we have the presence of officers to deter

crime, so that it gives the perception of not having a lot to do. Buchholtz stated that some times, there are no officers, then sometimes in the morning hours, we have two on duty? And why on Sunday mornings, we may have two, but then none late on a Saturday night? Bertram asked if we could see the officer's work schedule. Lapicola didn't think that was necessary, but we should have an estimation of when we have two officers, and how their shifts may overlap. The board also discussed that typically "unsigned" letters are meant to cause trouble, not to try to solve a problem.

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager was unable to attend. Report was reviewed by the board. Short asked if the Sewer Rate Review that was added was the same that was submitted to the Utilities Committee. Edbauer said yes. Lapicola mentioned that he spoke with the Clerk/Treasurer concerning depreciation. He asked when is something fully depreciated, and can we actually use a term like "Working Capital Banking"? Short had indicated that according to the GASB Rules, one could not.
- Director of Public Works: Neumann mentioned that the work on Meadowbrook is almost done, and that it is ready for blacktop. Dohrwardt asked if we had addressed the "soft spots" on the south side, about 2-3 houses east of the repair project. Neumann stated that he did not plan to repair these unless directed. Dohrwardt expressed concern that since there is not a good base in that area, we are just going to have more problems unless we can do some sort of pre-construction patching ahead of time. Neumann said that we have about 2 weeks where we could do something. Since there are some areas that are more serious than others, Dohrwardt said, that Neumann should use discretion and tackle the worst ones first. The extension of temporary summer hours was also discussed. Steve Thome had submitted his resignation and is starting a new job next Wednesday. Matt Dommer is one week away from starting school. The request was to extend the temporary summer hours by 32 hours to allow Dommer to work next week. Since Thome is leaving ahead of schedule, there would be monies available. Also, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager is on vacation next week, so Jason Nelsen will need to be available at the treatment plant – not doing public works duties. Allowing Dommer to work 32 hours next week will alleviate the shortage in man hours in Public Works. A **MOTION** was made by Lapicola, seconded by Edbauer to extend the temporary summer hours by 32 hours, and carried with Bertram opposed.
- Clerk – Treasurer was unable to attend. Report was reviewed by the board with no questions or discussion.

Report from Celebrate Fredonia Committee/Resolution 2010-E

The Celebrate Fredonia Committee met on August 18th, 2010. Edbauer said that there was discussion on food pricing and more talks about new vendors. He also stated that the Waubeka 4-H would like to participate with a ring toss booth using rings and soda cans. The can of soda would be the prize. A mother whose daughter goes to Northern Ozaukee High School would like to have a booth to sell nachos with cheese, and warm pretzels with cheese to raise money for her daughter's DC field trip. There didn't seem to be any problems with either groups being included. The beer and food are ordered. The fireworks are being finalized, but the permit needs to be obtained. Resolution No. 2010-E approving use of volunteer employees for Celebrate Fredonia was passed on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Buchholtz, and carried. Also, there was discussion about the purchase of Celebrate Fredonia staff T-shirts. Edbauer said that 6 shirts would be needed at approximately \$15.00 per shirt, plus a one-time \$40.00 set up charge (for initial silk screening). It would be about \$150.00 total. Since the Committee is currently at budget, would this be something that the Village can pay for? A **MOTION** was made by Buchholtz, seconded by Lapicola, to pay for the cost of the shirts, not to exceed \$150.00, and carried.

Report from Utilities Committee

The Utilities Committee had their meeting on August 16th, 2010. The main discussion was the proposed water main replacement on Fredonia Avenue including the possibility of some pressure relief valves and surface options for the road (concrete or asphalt). The approximate cost for the job will be about \$797,600.00. The main priority is replacing

the old cast iron pipe (which was installed in 1939) with PVC. The decisions involve where to start, and where to end. Should it begin at Highway 57 to the PVC main by Regal Drive, and then extend past Edmaro to the apartments by Waubedonia Park? Also, the size of the pipe needs to be considered. Currently, there is 12" at Regal Drive, but it would not need to be 12" starting at Highway 57. Also, it could be a smaller diameter west of Edmaro. These ideas are to help keep costs down, but the engineers would definitely need to be involved to make sure there would not be any issues. Dohrwardt cautioned about not making too many decisions until we get more information from the County. We need to find out what costs the county will cover, and what they are willing to commit to. The Board needs to send a letter to the County, asking for collaboration, signed by the Village President to find out their intentions. Also, the SCADA project for the treatment plant should be completed as approved. Finally, the sewer rate should be increased by 3%, with water increasing the same percentage for 2011. Short said there is still time to get that into the budget.

Memo from Kendall & Carla Thistle on Storm Water Issue

Kendall and Carla Thistle wished to discuss the continuing flooding issues that they are still having at their property located at N5549 Highway 57, Fredonia. Their property is north of the Mastercraft property development. After four years, the drainage ditch that was installed by Mastercraft, still floods their property after heavy rains, and melting snow. Previously, the Thistles have appeared in front of the board asking for help, but was told no because Mastercraft needs to rectify their mistakes. Since Mastercraft is stating that they do not have any money, any chance of repairs is at a standstill. Previously Short stated that if and when Mastercraft desires to start Phase Two of the development, the Village would have some leverage to get the repairs done. The photos that Thistle provided were shown on a projector to the screen for ease of viewing the property's flooding issues. All are in agreement that the Thistle's have valid concerns, but the Village's hands are tied until Mastercraft starts Phase Two. Lapicola asked if there is anything that the Village can do as a temporary fix to help. Edbauer stated that if we step in now, we may have some liability issues, and then no recourse later. Thistle asked if the Village could offer him some sort of guarantee that the fix will get done sooner or later. Can he come back to the board in one month? Also, he still has rip/rap rocks, straw bales and silt fence on his property. All of which belongs to Mastercraft, that he would like removed. Short stated that language would need to be agreed upon to include the repairs prior to Mastercraft beginning Phase Two of the development. In the meantime, Public Works will look at any sort of "bridge fix" to help from a temporary aspect.

Committee Appointment/Change to Finance Committee

An oversight occurred where Chuck Lapicola should have been listed as a member of the Finance and Budgets committee, but Mark Edbauer was put on instead. A **MOTION** was made by Short to put Lapicola on the Finance and Budget Committee in place of Mark Edbauer, Sr, seconded by Dohrwardt, and carried.

Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Meeting – August 25, 2010

The memo concerning the above dinner was reviewed by the board. The Village of Fredonia is hosting this event. The reservation needs to be submitted by Friday, August 20th, 2010.

Correspondence

Correspondence received and reviewed include:

- UW WisLine programs for local government officials.
- Letter from Concerned Fredonia Citizens regarding police hours. This topic was discussed at length during the meeting's report from the Village Marshal. No further talk at this point in the meeting.
- Preliminary Estimate of 2010 population.

Items for Future Consideration by Village Board

Neumann asked if there were any comments or changes to his draft letter to Sprint from the previous meeting concerning the cell tower lease agreement because it is the time to

send it back. Everyone was agreeable to the letter, and Neumann should send it out. No other future items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a **MOTION** by Dohrwardt, seconded by Lapicola, and carried.